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Representative Rozar Testifies in Support of

Postpartum Women Bill

Madison, WI – Wednesday, Representative Donna Rozar (R – Marshfield) testified before the Senate Committee on Insurance and Small Business on Senate Bill 110, relating to extension of eligibility under the Medical Assistance program for postpartum women. Representative Rozar introduced Senate Bill 110 with Senator Joan Ballweg (R – Markesan) to extend Medicaid benefits for postpartum women until 365 days post-delivery.

After the conclusion of the public hearing, Representative Rozar released the following statement:

"First, I want to thank Chair Felzkowski and the members of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Small Business for holding a public hearing on this crucial Bill. I also want to thank former State Representative Amy Loudenbeck who introduced this Bill last year and did a wonderful job of laying the groundwork for this session. I chose to author this Bill because I believe it is important for children to have healthy mothers. The statistics are staggering, 30% of all deaths that happen during pregnancy or up to one year postpartum occur within the late postpartum period (43-365 days postpartum). Additionally, as a pro-life legislator, I believe we should support the children who we do not want aborted."

"Overall, I believe the Committee was supportive of this Bill and I hope SB 110 passes out of the Senate Committee in the near future. I want to thank all of the legislators who co-sponsored this legislation and the organizations who testified in of it favor today."

Assembly Bill 114 was introduced as a companion for SB 110.